Setting up of tin-metal project in Bhubaneshwar

2577. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up the tin-metal project of IPICOL in Bhubaneshwar;

(b) whether Government have made any Geological Survey for this project;

(c) whether Government have any proposal under consideration to change the location of this project to other Districts; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MINES IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI RAMANAND YADAV): (a) A Letter of Intent was issued to M|s. Industrial Promotion & Investment Corporation of Orissa Limited (IPICOL) for the manufacture of 200 tonnes of tin-metal per annum at Tehsil Bhubaneshwar, District Puri in the State of Orissa.

(b) The Geological Survey of India and the State Mining and Geology Directorate have conducted investigations for tin-ore in Koraput District.

(c) and (d) M|s. IPICOL applied for a change of location of the project from Bhubaneshwar Tehsil (District Puri) to Choudwar Tehsil in District Cuttack since the State Prevention & Control of Pollution Board objected to the implementation of the project near Bhubaneshwar which is a place of archaeological monuments. The change of location has since been approved.

Allotment of Rice to Orissa

2578. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently reduced the allotment of Rice to the State of Orissa;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the amount allotted in 1987-88; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to face the scarcity of rice in the State due to drought?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) and (b) Recently, the allocations of the rice for public distribution system to various States|UTs including Orissa have been rationalized taking into account the overall availability of stocks in the Central Pool, relative needs of various States, market availability and other related factors. In the case of Orissa, the allotment of rice for the months of February, 1988 and March 1988 has been made at the rate of 20,000 tonnes a month as against 10,000 tonnes in the corresponding months last year. The Government of Orissa has been allotted 2.95 lakh tonnes of rice for public distribution system in 1987-88.

(c) The allocation of rice to Orissa in 1987-88 has been 1.25 lakh tonnes more than the allocation in 1986-87.

Handing over of 44 colonies to the MCD

2579. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:

SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that about 44 resettlement colonies in the capital were to be landed over to the Municipal Corporation of Delhi by the Delhi Development Authority in January, 1988;

(b) if so, whether these colonies have since been handed over to the MCD;

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) what action is being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (d) It has been decided that the maintenance of 44 resettlement colonies in the

capital,, now with DDA; may be handed over to the Municipal Corporation of Delhi this being the legitimate and statutory function of the Municipal Coporation of Delhi. No date for the formal transfer has yet been fixed. However, the Municipal Corporation is working out the cost of maintenance of these colonies. Besides, necessary inventories plans for taking over of services are being prepared by MCD, DDA for effecting the transfer.

Opening of Fair Price Shops

2580. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of Fair Price Shops opened during the year 1987-88 and what is the total number of Fair Price Shops at the end of the current year;

(b) whether the target for opening the new Fair Price Shops was met during the year; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D.L.BAITHA): (a) to (c) As against a target of the opening of 4035 Fair Price Shops fixed for the financial year 1987-88, 7318 shops had been opened till 31.12.1987. As per available reports the total number of Fair Price Shops in the country as on 31.12.1987 was 3,45,038.

Shortfall in Drinking water supply in Gujarat Towns

2581. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred question 518 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 26th February, 1988 and state:

(a) what is the net shortfall or deficit of drinking water in Rajkot, Jamnagar, Bhavnagar and Junagadh, considering the requirements of these cities upto next monsoons;

(b) what is the estimated augmentation from the efforts of the Sate Government in this regard; and

(c) in what manner it is proposed to abridge the shortfall?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): According to the information received from the Government of Gujarat, the position is as follows:—

(a) Since Bhadar Water Supply Project for Rajkot and Machchhu Pipeline for Rajkot and Jamnagar have been completed, now there is no short fall of drinking water in Jamnagar and Rajkot City. The present per capita supply for Rajkot and Jamnagar is 45 litres and 28 lities respectively. Since there is sufficient storage in shetrunji Reservoir there is no short fall of drinking water in Bhavnagar. The present per capita supply is 80 litres. There was short fall of about 20 litres per capita supply for Junagadh till February when the level of supply was 12 LPCD.

(b) With augmentation from the efforts of State Government for Junagarh the supply is now 32 litres per capita per day.

(c) There is no shortfall for drinking water for Rajkot, Jamnagar and Bhavnagar. In Junagadh ground water sources have been developed. Out of 27 number 150 MM dia bore drilled 17 are found successful. 115 new hand pumps have been installed on 100 MM dia bores and 58 deep well pumps have been installed on existing wells and bores. By this arrangement it would be possible to maintain per capita supply of 32 litres till next monsoon.

Cattle Insurance Scheme

2582. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the States which have been brought under the Cattle Insurance Scheme; and